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Docket No: Q54629

Takashi ECHIGO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/319,384

Group Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No.: 2943

Examiner: Francisco Chandler Prats

Filed: June 4, 1999

For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING A POROUS ARTICLE AND USE THEREOF

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 28, 2003, from October 28, 2003 to January 28, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A

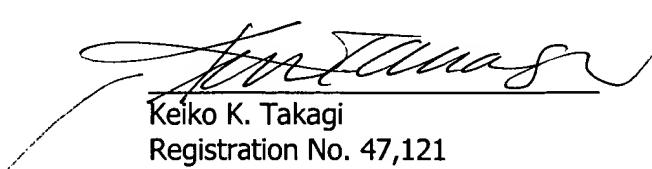
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